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Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Palazzini
District Engineer
Attn: Mrs. Tracy Dotolo Sanders
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Subject: Long Savannah, SAC 2015-00012

Dear Lt. Colonel Palazzini:

This is in response to your request for comments on the above referenced joint public notice (JPN). Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), HPH Properties, and the Long Savannah Land Company have applied for a permit to discharge fill material into and excavate material from freshwater non-tidal wetlands associated with Rantowles and Church Creeks on a 3,172.6-acre project site located in Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: °35.844167 N, Longitude: -80.113611°W). The proposed work consists of the discharge of fill material into 137.83 acres of freshwater non-tidal wetlands and the excavation of 71.71 acres of freshwater non-tidal wetlands for the construction of a mixed-use project that will include residential, business/commercial, institutional and open space/recreation land uses. Proposed project impacts total 209.54 acres of wetlands. The Project was originally placed on public notice on January 22, 2018. The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 submitted a comment letter dated February 21, 2018 indicating concerns with avoidance and minimization, alternative analysis, and adequate compensatory mitigation plan.

The EPA has partially reviewed the updated JPN, dated December 13, 2018. We would like to further evaluate the applicant's information and collect additional information related to the project and impacts. Due to the large scale and complexity of the project and the difficulty of coordination during the holiday season, the EPA requests a 30-day extension of the comment period. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kelly Laycock of my staff at (404) 562-9132 or at laycock.kelly@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnnie Purify".

Johnnie Purify
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